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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was cited in a European Search Report issued by the European Patent Office on October 25, 2000 in a counterpart foreign application. Copies of the European Search Report, and references cited therein, are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. It is noted that U.S. Patent No. 5,691,601 has been previously considered by the Examiner. Accordingly, a copy of this reference is not included here.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 in the above-referenced application, and no fees are believed to be necessary.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

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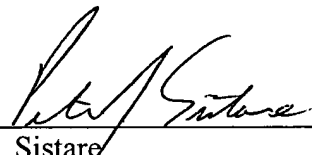
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